

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee held on Wednesday, 23 October 2019 at 6.00 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 6.00 pm
Concluded 7.05 pm

Present – Councillors

LABOUR
Ahmed
Akhtar
Amran
Engel
Kamran Hussain
Mohammed
Nazir
Thirkill

COUNCILLOR AMRAN IN THE CHAIR

19. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

20. MINUTES

Recommended –

That the minutes of the meetings held on 27 February, 6 March and 27 March 2019 be signed as correct records.

Action: City Solicitor

21. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents.

22. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

23. 120 UPPER WOODLANDS ROAD, BRADFORD- REQUEST FOR A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE WHERE THE APPLICATION HAS RECEIVED OBJECTIONS

The reports of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “J”**) considered an application for a Disabled Persons Parking Place where the application had received objections to the scheme.

Resolved –

- (1) That the Bradford West Area Committee approves an application for the installation of a Disabled Persons Parking Place at 120 Upper Woodlands Road.**
- (2) That the applicant and objector be informed accordingly.**

ACTION: Strategic Director, Place

24. 71 AIREVILLE ROAD, BRADFORD - REQUEST FOR A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “K”**) considered an application for a Disabled Persons Parking Place where the application had received an objection.

Resolved –

- (1) That the Bradford West Area Committee approves an application for the installation of a Disabled Persons Parking Place at 71 Aireville Road.**
- (2) That the applicant and objector be informed accordingly.**

ACTION: Strategic Director, Place

25. LOCAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE - DEVOLUTION UPDATE & FUNCTION OVERVIEW

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “L”**) detailed how the service currently managed the Local Highway Maintenance (LHM) function and allocated resources.

The report further updated the Committee with regard to existing operations being undertaken on the network and the indicative costs of works undertaken in the current financial year.

The Principal Engineer, Highway Maintenance was at the meeting and at the

invitation of the Chair, gave a synopsis of the report.

Following a summation of the report, a question and answer session ensued –

- Clarification was sought on whether growing roots which were causing damage to the road surfaces and the pavements could be mended?
 - This was an area that could be looked into;
- The quality of highways work was questionable as on a few occasions following highways works, bubbles had produced in the middle of roads which eventually became large dents/or holes. Was it not possible to inspect completed new surfaces following completion of schemes?
 - This was an area that could be looked into further; and,
- There were a number of gullies in the Toller Ward which were blocked and with heavy downpours of rain, water ran down into Manningham Ward, therefore flooding certain areas due to vast amount of currently blocked gullies in the Manningham Ward. Had any thought been considered on addressing this problem?
 - The current budget did not allow sufficient number of vehicles to address the whole problem however reporting specific streets could be the start of resolving community concerns of blocked gullies.
 - The Committee, in reply highlighted that Beamsley Walk in the Toller Ward was one street in addition to many streets in the Manningham Ward.

The Chair concluded the discussion of the item by inviting the Principal Engineer, Highways Maintenance out to Bradford West area and to undertake a personal inspection of high blocked gullies and the detriment this problem was having to its and its neighbouring areas. The officer accepted.

Resolved –

- (1) That the current operational methods adopted for Local Highway Maintenance in the Bradford West area be noted.**
- (2) That the indicative costs to date for the current financial year be noted.**
- (3) That the list of current and proposed CAT3/4 works as shown in Appendices 5 and 6, in Document “L”, be approved.**

ACTION: Strategic Director, Place

26. UPDATE ON FAMILY HUBS IMPLEMENTATION AND OUTCOMES FROM THE CHILDREN'S CENTRE ESTATES CONSULTATION

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “M”**) presented an update on Family Hubs implementation and outcomes from the Children’s Centre estates consultation.

Officer representatives from Social Services were present at the meeting and invited by the Chair to present their subject matter.

Following a synopsis of the report, the following question and answer session ensued –

- Was it possible to refer families that were finding it difficult to utilise full access of CAMHS due to a lengthy waiting list to Family Hubs services?
 - There were various services that came before final referral to CAMHS however if young people were struggling due to a lack of full services then the Family Hubs can become involved in a WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan) group in order to help individuals;
- Explanation was sought as to the reasons for the establishment of a Working Group that focused on specific wards, in particular, to look at breaking down the data on the number of incidents of Youth Anti-social Behaviour for Clayton & Fairweather Green?
 - The Working Group was due to hot spot areas in the Clayton & Fairweather Green Ward and respective Members would be updated with data;
- Was there a specific reason as to why the contents of the report highlighted only two key agencies partnership working within the Toller Ward?
 - Only two programmes were in operation at that specific time and now vital services were being delivered;
- Could an overview of services with a breakdown of services in each Ward be provided to all Bradford West area Members?
 - A timetable of all events could be provided;
- How were support services being provided to young parents?
 - There were a number of projects that Family Hubs had partnered with to deliver vital services to young parents; and,
- Had the Shine Partnership Project commenced in the Bradford West area?
 - The Hub was involved with the programme which began in September 2019. There was a required obligation to engage with 200 families over a 3 year period. If successful then the project would be rolled out on a national level.

During the discussion, the following points were made by the Committee and the representatives. The obstacles before a CAMHS referral were too many. It was unfortunate that the Committee and remaining Members of the Bradford West area were not fully acquainted with the Family Hubs service to the extent of providing individual Councillor support to help this service thrive at an unprecedented level. The Department for Work and Pensions was also in partnership working with Family Hubs.

The Committee concluded the discussion of this item by stating that a significant amount of effort was required to promote the services of Family Hubs within respective Wards;

Resolved –

That the information presented in Document “M” be noted.

LEAD: Strategic Director, Children’s Services

NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS WITHIN THE BRADFORD WEST AREA

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “N”**) gave an update to Members since the commencement of the new structure on 1st April 2019.

The Warden & Environmental Enforcement Manager was in attendance and with the invitation of the Chair, gave a synopsis of the report.

Following introduction of the report, the Committee sought an explanation as to how enforcement action was undertaken on unadopted streets. It was replied that the Council was not responsible for enforcement on unadopted streets, nevertheless residents were invited by Wardens to be involved in local community clean-ups. A further clarification was sought on the reasons behind a lack of Warden presence. It was confirmed that this was due to the two vacant Warden positions however the vacancies were currently going through the recruitment process and once recruitment was successfully concluded, the two new recruits would fill the noticeable lack of presence.

During the discussion the Committee expressed the following concerns, there had been instances of the reporting of fly tipping but following a number of days, rubbish not being removed by the Council. More work had to be focused on engaging with local businesses in relation to the dumping of rubbish outside of their premises, in particular, takeaways. There had been occurrences of children being hurt due to unfortunate incidents that had unexpectedly and unintentionally occurred due to fly tipping. Fly tipping was a blight on communities in the Bradford West area.

The Committee praised the contents of the report as they were of substance to the extent of giving the Committee a clear snapshot of activities undertaken.

Resolved –

- (1) That the information presented in Document “N” be welcomed.**
- (2) That the Warden & Environmental Enforcement Manager and his team be thanked for the excellent work undertaken in addressing the environmental problems affecting the visible environment in the Bradford West area.**
- (3) It was noted that the recruitment for the vacant Wardens positions for the Bradford West area would be undertaken as soon as possible.**
- (4) That this Committee kindly requests an update report be provided at the earliest opportunity on the activities of Environmental Enforcement in the Bradford West area since the April 2019 restructure.**
- (5) That this Committee kindly requests an update report be provided at the earliest opportunity on the activities of the Civil Enforcement Team (Parking) in the Bradford West Area since the April 2019 restructure.**

ACTION: Strategic Director, Place

Chair

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee.

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